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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket No. (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) HO-P00798US9 In re Application of T. W. Hutchens et al. Application Number Filed 09/123,253 July 27, 1998 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DESORPTION AND **IONIZATIONOF ANALYTES** Group Art Unit 1743 Examiner L. Alexander This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filling a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) 920.00 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit 06-2375 any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. i am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). 11/21/2001 NLAWREN: 00000005 062375 09127257 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 20.00 CH October 23, 2001 01 FC:117 02 FC:131 '40.00-CH Date Melissa W. Acosta Typed or Printed Name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below forms are submitted. Three Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.135(a) I hereby carrify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. ET575270005US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Palents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below. Dated: October 23, 2001 (Staci Harris)